

November 21, 2016

Chair and Members
Civic Works Committee

Re: Terms of Reference and Public Consultation Process - Environmental Assessment

During the process of developing the Terms of Reference for the One River Master Plan Environmental Assessment, members of the public expressed concern with respect to the lack of opportunity for the public to provide input into the draft Terms of Reference.

Environmental Assessment (EA) processes are put in place to provide a means by which the public can provide input. In order for the process to be meaningful, it is crucial that the public be given adequate opportunity to participate. I am therefore requesting that draft Terms of Reference related to an EA process be posted on the City of London's website for a minimum of 30 days prior to Municipal Council consideration. In addition, that a minimum notice of 30 days be given prior to a public meeting being held regarding an EA, including public meetings related to the One River Master Plan EA.

I respectfully request that the following recommendation be supported:

"The Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back to a future meeting of the Civic Works Committee with a Council Policy requiring that draft Terms of Reference related to an Environmental Assessment (EA) process be posted on the City of London's website for a minimum of 30 days prior to the draft Terms of Reference being brought forward to Municipal Council for consideration of approval. In addition, the Council Policy is to include a requirement for a minimum notice of 30 days be given prior to the holding of public meetings relating to an EA process, including public meetings related to the One River Master Plan EA."

Respectfully submitted,

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